The Celebrity Idea

My cable presents
washed-up actors
  at Poker.

They display wit,
  dispensed by
washed-up writers.

 Anyway, second stop
for some in the trade.

  Other “celebrity”
  programs tried
to fill the emptiness

of years past, formula
  the same. Those

  bad actors, and
  these, are phony,
    of course,

but not to family, or
 buddies, who forgive

 addictions, failures,
common betrayals, unwise
  blowjobs as a form

of salvage. What really de-
grades is the celebrity idea